

Amendments To The Specification and Abstract

Please replace the paragraph of the as-filed specification (change at page 8, line 5) with the following amended paragraph:

In general, homogeneous catalyzed ethylene/ α -olefin copolymers may be characterized by one or more methods known to those of skill in the art, such as molecular weight distribution (M_w/M_n), composition distribution breadth index (CDBI), narrow melting point range, and single melt point behavior. The molecular weight distribution (M_w/M_n), also known as "polydispersity," can be determined by gel permeation chromatography (GPC) where M_w is defined as the weight-average molecular weight and M_n is defined as the number-average molecular weight. The molecular weight determination of polymers and copolymers can be measured as outlined in ASTM D-3593-80, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. Ethylene/ α -olefin copolymers of the present invention can be homogeneous catalyzed copolymers of ethylene and an α -olefin which may have a M_w/M_n of less than 2.7, more preferably from about 1.9 to 2.5; still more preferably, from about 1.9 to 2.3. The composition distribution breadth index (CDBI) of the homogeneous catalyzed copolymers of ethylene and an α -olefin will generally be greater than about 70%. This is contrasted with heterogeneous catalyzed copolymers of ethylene and an α -olefin which may have a broad composition distribution index of generally less than 55%. The CDBI is defined as the weight percent of the copolymer molecules having a comonomer content within 50 percent (i.e., plus or minus 50%) of the median total molar comonomer content. The Composition Distribution Breadth Index (CDBI) may be determined via the technique of Temperature Rising Elution Fractionation (TREF) as described by Wild, et al., *Journal of Polymer Science, Poly. Phys. Ed.*, Vol. 20, p. 441 (1982) and U.S. Pat. No. 4,798,081, which are both incorporated herein, in their entireties, by reference. In accordance with the present invention, the first layer may include a first ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer having a molecular weight distribution (M_w/M_n) of from [0.05-2.7] 1-2.7 as determined by method described by ASTM D-3593-80.

Please replace the paragraph of the as-filed specification (change at page 12, line 26) with the following amended paragraph:

First layer 11 includes a first homogeneous catalyzed ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer which includes an α -olefin having 3-6 pendant carbon atoms (EAO-1). Preferably, layer 11 comprises an ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer having a melting point of less than 105° C., a molecular weight distribution M_w/M_n of from [0.05-2.7] 1-2.7, and a melt index of from 6.5-34 g/10 min. at 190° C. The first ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer may be present in layer 11 in an amount from 50-100 % based on the total weight of the first layer 11. An example of a commercially available ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer which includes an α -olefin having 3-6 pendant carbon atoms and exhibits the desired characteristics as described above is EXACT™ 3139 provided by ExxonMobil Chemical Company of Houston, TX, U.S.A.

Please replace the paragraph of the as-filed specification (change at page 13, line 23) with the following amended paragraph:

Layer 21 comprises a first homogeneous catalyzed ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer (EAO-1), preferably, an ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer which includes an α -olefin having 3-6 pendant carbon atoms, a melting point of less than 105° C., a molecular weight distribution M_w/M_n of from [0.05-2.7] 1-2.7, and a melt index of from 6.5-34 g/10 min. at 190° C. The first ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer in layer 21 may be present in an amount from 50-100 % based on the total weight of layer 21. A commercially available example of an ethylene/ α -olefin which includes an α -olefin having 3-6 pendant carbon atoms and the desired characteristics as described above is EXACT™ 3139 supplied by ExxonMobil Chemical Company of Houston, TX, U.S.A.

Please replace the Abstract of the as-filed specification (change at page 28, line 9) with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT

A coextruded heat-shrinkable, biaxially-oriented multilayered packaging film comprising a first layer, a second polymer layer, a third polymer layer, and a fourth polymer layer wherein the first polymer layer comprises a first ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer preferably, an ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer having an α -olefin comprising 4-8 pendant carbon